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THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, 1901.

The street car conductors and drivers at St. Louis are still on a strike, with not much better prospects of coming to an understanding than there were yesterday.

Reports from Southern Illinois state that the recent rains have brought out the winter wheat wonderfully, and that fields which looked absolutely bare are beginning to show signs of a crop.

The legislature continues to drag its slow length along, and although over a hundred days have been consumed the real business of the session has not been touched even. Meanwhile a third of the members are absent every day, and of those a still larger fraction fails to materialize. But the expense goes on all the same—about \$1,500 of the people's money going for every day of the session. The men who are responsible for this frittering away of time, and this waste of money, have better speed than a snail, and go to work. The appropriations should be made and the appropriation bills passed without further delay, and then the "statement" should go home to receive the approbation of their admiring constituents.

D. R. LOCKE, well known under his nom de plume of "Nashy," is about to undertake a tour of Ireland, England and Scotland in order to see how the common people live. Locke is a person of sound sense and good insight into character. His observations will be of value.

The roof of the Methodist church in Eureka, Nevada, is covered with tin from old cans. The number of oyster cans used was 2,265. Besides these there were 3,356 quart fruit cans and 665 one gallon vegetable cans, making all joints water proof. Each piece of tin passed through the hands of the manufacturer thirteen times, which shows that the pieces were handled 51,618 times.

The Hottest Course for the South.

From the Vicksburg (Miss.) Herald.

Just in proportion as the south countenances and justifies wrong and their attempts to conceal it will evil result from it. Let us have absolutely fair elections, and if bad men are elected to office let us exhaust legal remedies, if they fail, then we will be excused by civilization if we put out thieves by force. But let there be no deception about it. Let the world know that it is not on account of Republicanism or Democracy or Greenbackism, but on account of soundness. But if the rights of all are fully protected such instances will be very rare, if indeed, they ever occur. It is the fear on the part of the negro for the rights the law gives him that causes him to be pliable in the hands of "negro organizers." Remove this fear entirely and forever, and the danger from ignorant manhood suffrage will be greatly lessened.

Miss Bernhardt Expresses an Opinion.

From the Philadelphia Times.

"Then your Sunday, too, how wretched and lifeless! You asked me a moment ago if I go to church. Of course I do. I don't set up for being pious, but I'm not the sort of a creature some of the ignoble American prints have painted me. I don't as a matter of fact enclose myself in a shroud and bestow myself in a rosewood coffin, as you doubtless firmly believe. I am not a devotee of depravity. I haven't quite viyet dix valents either more or less, I think I may inform you within the bounds of decorum, and I think if our lives were compared for any length of time, mine would stand out largely on the side of good conduct with any of the so-called clergymen who advertise their preposterous ignorance, malice and Phariseism in taking my name into their godless pulpits and selling it with their unmanly and unchristian lips. I loathe hypocrisy. I know the beatitudes and I strive to do and have the assurance that I have done good and not evil most of the days of my life. Let messieurs the clergymen take testimony of their own hearts, and see if they can conscientiously aver the same."

An Engineer.  
Wants a situation; has 17 years experience; residence 46 East North street, apt 304d1m.  
M. J. STEVENS.

LADIES.  
Ladies having handsome dresses to make would do well to give Mrs. Gies a call as she comes among the people of Decatur well recommended, and having an experience of 10 years in her line of business, can guarantee satisfaction both in work, fitting and finish. Over F. L. Hays & Co's. (Mar 21 d1m)

L. Oakes all clothing  
K competition R hats & caps  
U for style S gents furnishings  
X on quality N trunks, valises  
M and for F fashionable  
Y prices H merchant tailor  
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Fashionable parasols and sun umbrellas at close cash prices at the  
POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.  
If you want good bread buy at Milam's bakery.  
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## AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

A Two Hour Session in the President's Private Office.

Washington correspondent Philadelphia Times: I took a seat in the office of Mr. Brown, the private Secretary to President Garfield the other day, and there I remained for about two hours. It was interesting to watch the goings-on there. The halls, corridors, and stairways clear down to the front door were crowded with people. With what eager eyes they watched Congressmen, newspaper correspondents and other respectable persons who had the right of way to pass doorkeepers and messengers! The appearance of all these watchers and waiters was rather disheartening. Many of them were anxiously looking and many of them were nearly beyond a doubt. I did not notice one who did not seem to have taken extra pains with his clothes and person that morning. Some were whose clothes were good, but like machine, which will soon be ready. Mr. (George) Frelinghuysen, son of the ex Senator from New Jersey, is about to be married to Miss Ballentine, daughter of the New York brewer of that name.

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Havoc and Jockets.  
To close out, the manufacturer has sent us a few dozens of the above garments, and we offer them very much cheaper than original or real value. They are very handsome and stylish, and without exception first-class in make and material—no shoddy in any sense of the word. See them.  
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The President is reported to be embarrassed by the refusal of Mr. Grier to accept the Third Assistant Postmaster Generalship and his demand for a better place, or one that will suit his own inclination. It is not improbable that Mr. Hazen, the recent Third Assistant, will be requested to remain and not accept the Assistant Attorney Generalship. The removal of Chief Clerk French of the contract office of the Postoffice Department will, it is believed, be followed by many others in the same office. Mr. French was formerly a Presbyterian minister in Ohio, and his integrity has never been suspected.

Mr. C. R. Coon, for many years in charge of the syndicate party in London, and Mr. Martin, of Secretary Windom's office, left here last night, and will sail from New York to-day for London, to take charge of the Government agency there, in connection with the called and extended 6 per cent. bonds. If all the 6 per cents are extended, it is expected the Secretary will offer the same terms to the holders of the 5 per cent. bonds.

## PERSONS.

Miss Leticia Guy, the talented whistling girl, is a resident of Newark, Ohio. The name of Lawrence P. Barrett, the tragedian, before going upon the stage, was Laurence Brannigan.

The portraits of Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Hayes are the only ones on the walls of the White House of the wives of our Presidents.

A man in North Carolina—Dr. Daniel Asbury, of Charlotte—claim to have successfully constructed a flying machine, which will soon be ready.

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No. 2  
The New Dental.  
Dr. J. W. Lane, late of Blue Mound, has taken possession of the dental parlors recently occupied by Dr. Dawkins, and will conduct the business there. Doctor Lane was formerly associated with Dr. Waltz in the dental business.  
April 30 d1w1m  
CARPETS and wall paper, at lowest prices.  
Linn & Scruggs.  
We are now prepared to clip horses on short notice and in fine stylish outfits on West Main street.  
April 18 d1m CALDWELL BROS.  
FACTORY, Miam's new process bread has no superior.  
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## TELEGRAPHIC.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—The caucus of Republican Senators met at 10 o'clock this morning, but it was 11 o'clock before anything like a full attendance was present. Mr. Hale led in advocating an executive session, and was supported by Messrs. Hawley, Sherman and several others. Most of the Senators were rather non-committal. General Logan was willing to hold executive sessions, providing the Republicans would not surrender any point of the pending fight. This seems to be the prevailing opinion. In the afternoon the Republican caucus was immediately reconvened on the adjournment of the Senate. It is apparent that early executive sessions will be held, beginning, perhaps, to-morrow, but the Republicans will hold control of the business, and refuse to surrender their present fight. The Democratic Senators believe that one executive session will break the Republicans, and lead to an early adjournment.

Reports that Senator Platt has deserted Conkling in today's caucus, and will stand by him. Conkling intends to bring the Robertson fight on as soon as possible, and he believes he can win it. Ex-Senator Eaton, of Connecticut, a warm friend of Conkling, is here, advising the Democratic Senators to vote against Robertson. He came to help Conkling in his fight against the Administration.

The President has designated the following as members of the Board of Visitors to West Point: Anson Stager, Illinois; Milo S. Hascall, Indiana; Charles A. Boutelle, Maine; George S. Greene, Rhode Island; Henry B. Ledyard, Michigan; S. S. Laws, Missouri; D. C. Buell, Kentucky.

The President has nominated Justus Spafford to be postmaster at Huntington, W. Va. Senator Slater has left for home. He is paired with Senator Platt for the remainder of the session. At 2 o'clock the caucus was again convened. While the question of executive session or no executive session was finally left undecided upon adjournment, it is evident that such a plan was adopted as will justify the conclusion that a way out is near at hand. The caucus was presided over by Senator Anthony, and was characterized by one of the stormiest discussions which has yet disturbed the party management. This may well be understood when it is borne in mind that the fight lasted five hours, and resulted in a drawn battle between the Stalwarts and Administration wings. About what actually occurred during these five hours Senators are very reticent. When approached on the subject they turn away with evident disgust, naturally declining to allude to their humiliating family quarrel. Enough, however, has leaked out to indicate the character and result of the conference. The Stalwarts were led by Conkling, Logan and Dawes, the Administration Senators being commanded by Hawley. The latter is said to have made a very temperate speech at first, and an earnest appeal to have this squabble stop right here. His position was vigorously assailed by Conkling and others. Some very bitter retorts were passed, and when the row was at its height the caucus came to an end, on the meeting of the Senate. When again in session the fight was renewed, this time opened by Dawes, who was violently opposed to any compromise that looked like a backing down from their present position on that national spittoon issue. He was followed by Conkling, who criticized Mr. Hawley for his former remarks. The latter then declared that he for one would sit here no longer engaged in such a fruitless quarrel unless some effort was made to attend to the public business. He was seconded by several other conservative Senators. None of these were in favor of giving up the present contest. They merely insisted upon some plan by which important nominations might be confirmed. They protested against maintaining an attitude which embarrassed the Administration and blocked the machinery of the Government. They believed it unnecessary, unwise, and calculated to do the party more injury than even the successful election of Messrs. Gorham and Riddleberger would do them good. In the opinion of one Senator it would be difficult to make the people of the country understand that the present contest was anything more than a petty office, and the party could not afford to be put in such a position. The Conkling Senators were strenuously opposed to giving away an inch. To do so now would be a confession that they had been in the wrong. They had no fear that the people of the country would place the responsibility where it belongs. A good deal of this sort of talk consumed the five hours. As 5 o'clock approached it began to look as if no conclusion would be reached. A ballot upon the question of holding a limited executive session showed a pretty evenly divided opinion, with a small majority against. A motion to adjourn was lost. There was a prevailing desire to settle things one way or the other. It was finally agreed to appoint a committee, consisting of the leaders of both factions, which committee is to draw up a plan of settlement or action. Upon their readiness to report another caucus as gathered piecemeal from various sources believed to be reliable. The indications are that the committee will agree upon executive sessions of some kind. It is stated in some quarters that the caucus adjourned till Monday to hear this report, but it is not positively known.

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Our Stock of "Hays" Kid Gloves contains all the new shades. We also show the Imperial Kids, all colors, with 5 hooks. Our 16-cent all-wool Bunting is the same that sold last year at 25 cents, and the best goods we sell at 25 cents.

Our Black Brocade Silks at 65 and 75 cents and \$1.00 are beautiful and as good as we have ever shown at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

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We also carry handsome Black Surahs, Marvalieux and Satin de Lyon.

Our stock of Girls' and Ladies' Hosiery and Gloves is very complete with new styles, including Black Silk and Black Lisle Thread Hose for ladies. We have pretty Ruchings, Collars, Cuffs, Ladies' Ties and a full line of Ribbons, gros grain, satin and fancies.

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